



YOU GOTTA
UNDERSTAND, I
DIDN'T WANT TO
FIGHT ANAKE.

I'M
TELLIN'
YOU...

IT WAS
A BOARD
STRUGGLE
TO THE DEATH
—THAT WENT
ON FOR OVER
FOUR HOURS!

BUT TO
ESTABLISH
A NEW
CONTRACT...

...THE RULES
SAY THAT
THE MASTER
MUST PROVE
SHE HAS THE
POWER AND
STRENGTH...

BLAH
BLAH

...TO
CONTROL
HER ROMA-
ONAL.

SO...

SO, LIKE
A DOG
BACKED
INTO A
CORNER...

...ALL I
COULD DO
WAS FIGHT



NO, NO! I'M
SERIOUS!
ANAKI'S
REALLY
REALLY
GOOD, OKAY?

SHE'S
GOT LIKE
A 50%
WINNING
RECORD.
I WAS
FIGHTING
FOR MY
LIFE!

YOU TWO
PLAYED A
HEATED GAME
OF DICE UNTIL
DAWN, IS THAT
IT?



Is that
supposed
to be a
comment?

At least
there's
one guy
who's
going to
do my
housework!



IF WE
LEAVE BY
SHIP TO-
MORROW
MORNING...

...WE
WOULDN'T
EVEN
MISS ANY
SCHOOL...

She was
during a long
holiday

HOW WE
CAN ALL
GO HOME
TO TOKYO
TOGETHER.

AND
MAX, I'M
REALLY
HAPPY!
♡



SO...
UH...

SURE?



SO IF
YOU TAKE
MOUS
OUTSIDE
OF THE
SEAL...



I CAN
CONTROL
MOUS NOW,
THANKS TO AN
ANCIENT SEAL
THAT DIS-
POSSESSED THE
POWER OF
ALL ROMA-
ON...

...SO
THAT THEY
CANNOT
LEAVE
MANGO
ISLAND.



I'M
SORRY,
ATRAID.



JUST
BECAUSE I
RE-ESTAB-
LISHED OUR
CONTACT
AT THE
ELDON
MINE...

IT
DOESN'T
MEAN OUR
PROBLEM
IS SOLVED.



OH
NO?

WHAT'LL
WE DO
NOW?



IF
I'M GO-
ING TO
CONTROL
HYDRE...

...I HAVE
TO STAY
HERE AND
FOCUS ON
MY TRAIN-
ING.



IT
SHOULD
ONLY TAKE
ABOUT SIX
MONTHS.

AFTER
THAT, I CAN
RETURN TO
TOKYO.

BUT--

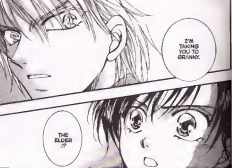


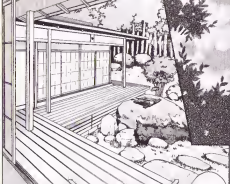
...

I MUST
REMAIN
ON THE
ISLAND.











ALL THE MORE
REASON...

...WHY HE
WOULD
DEMAND TO
SEE HER!

WHY?

...EVEN
I HAVE
NOT BEEN
GRANTED AN
AUDIENCE...

SINCE
RETURNING
TO THE
ISLAND...

IT
SEEMS
THE
GLORY'S
HEALTH...

...HAS BEEN
SUITE POOR
OF LATE.



KLANG



I'LL JUST
HAVE TO
ASK FOR
HER PER-
MISSION
PERSON-
ALLY!

FINE
THEN.

HEY
WHICH
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
—?



I AM SORRY
BUT NO ONE
SHALL PASS
WITHOUT THE
GLORY'S PER-
MISSION!



PLEASE, MICHEL.
DON'T BE
SO...
...UN-
REASON-
ABLE.





I-I
CAN'T DO
THAT.

IF YOU WANT
TO STOP ME,
YOU'LL HAVE
TO USE KOTO-
DAMA.



IT WILL
ONLY RUIN
YOUR PO-
SITION.



IT WOULD
BE WRONG
TO FORCE
MY WILL ON
YOU NOW.



...BECAUSE
OF MY
WEAKNESS.

YOU'VE
SUFFERED
ENOUGH
...



10 SLAPs



AAARGH!
THAT
DOES
IT!!





YOU
DIDN'T
COME
BACK
HOME...

...JUST
TO MAKE
THAT KIND
OF FACE
AGAIN, DID
YOU?

I TOLD
YOU LAST
NIGHT
DIDN'T
I?

STOP
PUSHING
YOURSELF
AWAY!
IF
YOU'VE
GOT
SOME-
THING TO
SAY THEN
SAY IT!

SHE PUTS UP SUCH
A BRAVE FRONT, BUT
IT'S JUST A LIE.

DON'T THIS
JUST BRING
BACK TO HOW
YOU WERE
BEFORE
LEAVING THE
ISLAND?

I CAN SEE THE
LIFE BEARING FROM
THOSE EYES.



WILL YOU
REALLY BE
CAREY LEAVING
THINGS LIKE
THIS, JIHANE-
CHAN?



STROKE



EVERYONE SHOWS SO MUCH
CONCERN FOR MY FEELINGS.



THEY'RE ALWAYS TELLING ME
NOT TO HIDE MY FEELINGS.





DON'T FOLLOW ME BY ANY MEANS...

...SCARES ME.



THE
REASON
I'M SO
DESPERATE
FOR GRANDPA'S
AID

IS ENTIRELY
SELFISH





AND YOU DISMISSED
WHAT THEY
SAID WOULD
HAPPEN TO
YOU...

... IF ANY
OUTSIDER-
SEEN LIKE ME
FOUND OUT
THAT YOU'RE A
MANGROUKAI

YOU
MUST
RETURN
TO THE
ISLAND.

THAT
WAS THE
AGREEMENT,
WAS IT NOT?

UNCLE!

!







FAMILY,
SHAMELESSLY.
I'M
ARANE'S
ROOM-
MATE.



A MERE
POSSES-
SION LIKE
YOU DARE
TURN HIS
FANGS ON
THE FAMILY?



...I'LL
SPARE
YOU MY
TRUE
FORM.

BUT
OUT OF
RESPECT
FOR
HER...

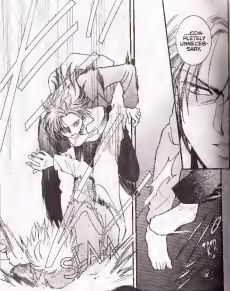


YOUR
CONSID-
ERATION
IS FLAT-
TERING
...

...BUT--



AFTER ALL,
THERE'S NO
ROOM IN THIS
MANSION FOR
YOUR LITTLE
SIDE BODY-
GUARD TO FLY!

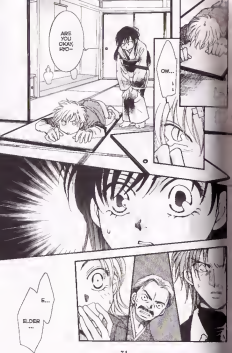


...COMPLETELY
UNNECESSARY.



STUPID
HYUUGA
HAYATO IS
A MARTIAL
ARTS
EXPERT









YOU'RE
ADDICTED TO TV
SHOPPING!?

Don't
kick old
people!

THEY KEEP
SENDING ME
ALL THE
AMAZING
EXERCISE
EQUIP-
MENT!

AND
THANKS
TO THAT
BASIC
ROB, FEEL-
ING GOOD
IS EASY.



THAT'S
RIGHT, YOU
CAN'T WIN
AGAINST
AGE.

BUT LIKE
THE COM-
MERCIALS
SAY...

...
YOU'RE
ONLY AS
OLD AS
YOU
FEEL.



NO THEY
DON'T!!

OLD
PEOPLE
NEED
THESE
LITTLE
PERKS
TOO.

AND
WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
THAT?



SHE'S
A LITTLE
DIFFER-
ENT.

HEH
HEH





RE-
MEM...

...HIS
NAME, IS?



WELL...
...



WHEN A
KOMA-ON
CHOICES
HIS "MAHA"
= HIS TRUE
NAME...

...IT IS
PROOF OF
HIS
SURREN-
DER.

GIVE
HIM AN
"AZANA"
= A NEW
NAME
...

...AND YOU
COMMIT
TO BEING
HIS MAS-
TER.



TO
RE-GAIN
CONTROL
OF YOUR
KOMA-
ON...

...YOU
SHOULD
REPEAT HIS
"MAHA".

THE "MAMA"
CAN HIDE HIS
"MAMA"...
...AND IS
THE KEY TO
CONTROL-
LING HIS
POWERS.

EIGHT
YEARS AGO,
THE CHILD
AMANE COULD
NOT CONTROL
HER POWERS

...SO,
I APPLIED
THE "MONGON"
TO SEAL HER
FACT WITH
HOURS.

NOW, AMANE
MUST DO IT
HERSELF.

(The volume is 2)

UWA A A H !!

IT'S
LIKE A
FORM OF
ETIQUETTE.

IT CAN
BE THE
SURE NAME.
MAY-
EVER
HAVE THE
PASTER
CROOKED,
THE SCANA-
ONE MUST
ANSWER.

SO IN
OTHER
WORDS
...

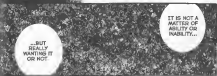
...
WOULD-
KUN'S
NAME IS
GOING
TO BE
CHANGED
?





BUT
DO I
NOW...

...REALLY
HAVE THE
ABILITY TO
DO IT?



...BUT
REALLY
WANTING IT
OR NOT.

IT IS NOT A
MATTER OF
ABILITY OR
INABILITY...



IN YOUR
EFFORTS TO
NEVER HURT
OTHERS
WITH YOUR
WORDS...

...YOU'VE
EXTINGUISHED
YOUR DESIRE
AND SMOOTH-
ERED YOUR
EMOTIONS.



YOU
ARE A
SMART
...

...AND
KIND
GIRL...



BUT...

...THE POWER
OF WORDS
COMES NOT
JUST FROM
THEIR MEANING,
BUT FROM THE
FEELINGS THAT
DRIVE HOW THEY
ARE USED.

I AM NOT
SAYING THAT
YOU MUST PUT
YOUR FEEL-
INGS FIRST
TO USE YOUR
POWERS...

IF IT
WEREN'T
FOR THAT
POWER...

THERE
WOULD BE NO
KOTODAMA.

...BUT AS
LONG AS
YOU SUP-
PRESS
THEM...

...YOU WILL
NEVER BE A
TRUE MANT-
SURAI.





SO
WHAT
WILL IT
BE?

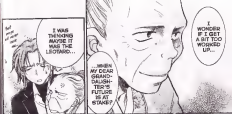


...GRAND-
MOTHER.

THANK
YOU...







I WAS THINKING
MAYBE IT
WAS THE
LIONARD...

...WHEN
MY DEAR
GRAND-
DAUGHTER'S
FUTURE
IS AT
STAKE?

I
WONDER
IF I GET
A BIT TOO
WORKED
UP...



I
ALSO...

...HAVE A
REQUEST.



ON THAT
CASE...

...I WANT YOU
TO ERASE MY
FEELINGS.

KOTO
DAMA

...CAN
CON-
TROL A
TARGET'S
ACTIONS
...
...BUT
IT CAN
ALSO
ERASE
HIS MEM-
ORIES,
RIGHT?

DEPEND-
ING ON
HOW IT'S
DONE...
YES.





THE FACT
THAT THE
STATEMENT,
"I WANT TO
BE HUMAN,"
WAS MY
KINDCOIN...

BUT I'M IN
LOVE WITH
ANANE...

...SO I'M
GOING TO
WISH THAT
SAME
THING
AGAIN.

UNLESS MY
FEELINGS ARE
TAKEN AWAY,
I'LL ALWAYS
WISH THAT.

...IS A
REMINDER
THAT A
KOMA-ONE
CAN NEVER
BE THE SAME
RANK AS HIS
MASTER.

ISN'T
THAT SO?



I WAS A
TOOL FROM
THE START.
WASN'T I?

THEN
YOU'RE
SAYING
YOU WOULD
BECOME
A MESS
TOOL?



IF I'M
NOT HER
TOOL, I
CAN'T
PROTECT
ANIME.



FROM THIS
WORLD
WHERE SHE
CAN'T EVEN
FIND A PLACE
TO GO...

I'VE
DECIDED.

EVEN
IF...

...THAT
MEANS I
MUST GIVE
UP MY VERY
FEELINGS
FOR HER.

...I
WANT TO
PROTECT
HER.

NO
MATTER
WHAT HAP-
PENS, I'M
GOING TO
PROTECT
HER.

FROM
ANYTHING
THAT COULD
EVER HURT
HER...





My breath
becomes the
breath of the
Gale.

CALM
DOWN.

BUT I
TOLDY
DEARE

BUT
I MUST
CORRECTLY
CHOOSE...
CONCENTRATE ON
IT.

THAT'S
NOT A
GOOD
IDEA...

I MUSTN'T
EXAGGERATE MY
EMOTIONS...

I hear that
words and
will give you
a hint...

THAT'S
NOT A
GOOD
IDEA...

...BUT
RATHER,
CONTROL
THEM.



...and
you will
answer
to it.



...TO
RETURN TO
TOKYO WITH
RAGUEL.

Myra.







NO!!!





YOU'RE
A DIS-
GRACE
AS A
KONA-
ONLY!

WHY ARE
YOU WAST-
ING YOUR
MASTER'S
TIME WITH
SUCH TRIV-
AL MAT-
TERS AS
DINNER?

SHUT
UP!

TEHRUTE!
I'M NOT
LETTING
YOU GET
AWAY THIS
TIME!

KUSHYAKI OR
SANDYETANG?
YOU HAVE TO
PICK ONE, SO
MAKE UP YOUR
MIND ALREADY!

—THE TOSHIKAZU KAWA

DOG FIGHT 23

Off Recording



SORRY TO
INTERLUPT,
BUT THIS
HAS BEEN
BUSHING
ME FOR A
WHILE NOW...

WELL...



I can't tell them how in the same way without them getting mad





...I
WISH I
HEARD
IT!

IF
THERE'S
A REASON
SHE'S
GOT A
GRUDGE
AGAINST
ME...

I MEAN,
SHE SAYS
THINGS
IT'S JUST
GOING TO
PICK ME
OFF.



...BUT
PIPSQUEAK
HERE'S THE
ONE WHO'S
ALWAYS
PROVOKING
ME.

I
THINK
IT'S
PRETTY
OBVIOUS...



REA-
SON...



THE
REA-
SON
...

...IS...



IT WAS
BACK WHEN
I HAD JUST
BEEN CON-
VINCED...

...AND DID
NOT EVEN
YET HAVE
THE NAME
"TSUBUTE."

I
WONDER
WHAT KIND
OF PER-
SON...

...THE
MASTER
WHO GAVE
ME A NAME
WILL SET





YOU
TELL
'EM,
GIRL.

...THAT I'M
A SUPERIOR
KOMA-CHI
WHO'S BEEN
TRAINING DAY
IN AND DAY
OUT!

AND
HE'LL
RECOGN-
IZE RIGHT
AWAY...



I'M SURE
HE'LL BE A
BRAVE AND
WISE MAN!



AND
I GET
HE'LL...

OH.

SORRY
...

IN OUR
CIRCLE OF
KOMA-ON,
HE'S THE
STRONG-
GEST...



THAT
THERE'S
THE
NEWIE.

HEY,
HOWDY!



...BUT HE'S
SO HEAVY
A BURDEN
THAT HE'S
YET TO FIND A
HUMAN WHO
CAN HANDLE
HIM.



HE'S GONE
SO LONG
WITHOUT A
WASTER, IT'S
NO WONDER
HE'S UPSET.

HE
ACTS ALL
TOUGH,
BUT HE
DOESN'T
MEAN
ANYTHING
BY IT.

DON'T
WIND
HIM.



THEY CALL
HIM THE
"LEGENDARY
KORAN-ONE".

EVERYONE
WANTS HIM,
BUT SINCE
NO ONE CAN
ACTUALLY KEEP
HIM, IT'S BECOME
SOMETHING OF
A GAME OF
SHAME.



STAY
AT
THE
SAME
TIME.

BEFORE
SHE WAS
A LITTLE
ANGRY.

THE
LEGENDARY
KORAN-ONE
WAS
GONE.



TSURUTE

IT MEANS
"ONE WHO
FLIES DOWN
FROM THE
HEAVENS LIKE
A HURRICANE."

I
NAME
YOU...

TSURUTE



TAKE A
GOOD
LOOK!

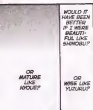
THIS IS
YOUR
FIRST
MASTER!

...AND
THAT I
HAVE NO
OBJEC-
TIONS
TO!

THIS
YOUNG
DARING
AND RE-
SOLUTE,
QUICK-
WITTED

...AND
TO TOP
IT ALL
OFF
HAND-
SOME





IT WOULDN'T
SLAY ME AT ALL!
MASTER!

...PRINTED
A ROMAN-
LIKE MARK
FROM THE
START.

THE
"FORMERLY"
ROMAN,
WHO'S NEXT,
HAD A MASTER
CAPABLE OF
HANDLING HIM
LIKE KANSO-
GAMA.

ROMUE
...?

Twon! K!!

ROMUE!

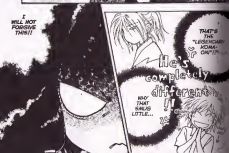
I THOUGHT
I TOLD YOU
NOT TO EAT
THE OFFER-
INGS ON
THE ALTAR!

H...
ROMUE?

THIS
MORNING'S
GHOST EM-
ERGENCY
TOTALLY
DRAINED
ME.

COME
OOON!

ROMUE!







I THINK
TSUBUTE

...HAD
BEEN
IMBUED.



Are you alright?
Are together
at least in
your country
with you?

What are
you doing?
What are
you doing?



EX-
CHANGE
HER?

WHY?

...SHE
FEARED
THAT HAYATO-
DOKO WOULD
EXCHANGE
HER FOR
HYDUE.

WITH
HYDUE'S
PACT WITH
AMANE-SAMA
BEING
DISSOLVED

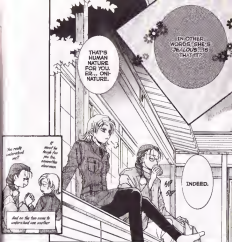


...AND
TSUBUTE
IS FULLY
AWARE OF
THIS.

AS AN
AMBITIOUS
ON-TSUKA,
IT IS ONLY
NATURAL THAT
SUCH A THOUGHT
WOULD HAVE
CROSSED HIS
MIND...

HYDUE'S
PERSONAL-
ITY ASIDE, IF
HAYATO-DOKO
WERE TO
BECOME HIS
MASTER...

...IT WOULD
SHOW EVERY-
ONE THAT HE
IS EVERY BIT
AS POWERFUL
AS KAINO-
SAMA WAS.



THAT'S HUMAN NATURE FOR YOU SEE... HUMAN NATURE.

IN OTHER WORDS, SHE'S JEALOUS... IS THAT IT?

INDEED.

He really understood me.

It must be that he was the only person who understood me.

And so, the two men began to understand each other.

SHUT UP! THIS IS HARDLY A LAUGHING MATTER!

SO, AKITO, CAN YOU WISH YOU HAD MYOU-KUN'S BROTHER?

THEN AS FOR TELLING MYOU'S SECRET...

...IT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A NEEDLESS ANXIETY.

I don't want that kind of anxiety to be my own.



SO
WE CAN
ALL GO
BACK...

...TO
ENJOYING
OUR CASE-
FREE LIVES AT
SCHOOL
AGAIN.



HYOU-
KUN'S

...

...TOMBODY
I CAN'T TURN
INTO MY HUMAN
FORM!* CASE
HAS SAFELY
COME TO A
CONCLUSION.

OH AT
LEAST
THAT'S
WHAT I WAS
THINKING...

*First-year
Class C
Hyou Inugami*

*First Year
Class F
Naoki Satomaki*

*First Year
Class F
Riko Watanabe*

*The following
students failed to
pass the required
amount of class
hours and will have
to take Supplemen-
tary Lessons* and
prepare a final
presentation in
order to advance
to the next grade.*

THAT WAS
TOTALLY OUR
OWNED PLANS
FOR US!

*Supplementary Lessons are the summer school, but due to the Corona school year starting in Spring, they don't really happen in summer!





IT'S THE
INFAMOUS
ART CLASS
CURSE!

...HARDLY ANYONE
SUCCESSFULLY
COMPLETED THE
FINAL PROJECT
DURING SUPPLE-
MENTARY LESSON



CURSE!?



HYOLE
HAS NO
ARTISTIC
SENSE.

I
HATE
ART!



DON'T
GIVE
UP SO
FAST!

WELL, I
GUESS
IT'S NO
USE!

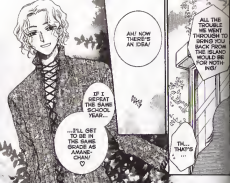


IF YOU
DON'T CLEAR
THE ART
PROJECT,
YOU CAN'T
GO ON TO
THE SECOND
YEAR!

THAT
WON'T
DO!



THINKING
TALE LIKE A
DOG



AH! NOW
THERE'S
AN IDEA!

IF I
REPEAT
THE SAME
SCHOOL
YEAR...

...I'LL GET
TO BE IN
THE SAME
GRADE AS
AMANE-
CHAN!

ALL THE TROUBLE
HE WENT
THROUGH TO
BRING YOU
BACK FROM
THE ISLAND
WOULD BE
FOR NOTHING!

TH...
THAT'S



AH...

MIT-
SUUNE-
SUUN!



WHAT...
ARE YOU
SAYING
...?

...WE
RIGHT
EVEN
HAVE THE
SAME
HOME-
ROOM!

AND
SINCE
WE'RE
BOTH IN
CLASS C...



THERE ARE
THOSE WHO
SAY THAT
BEAUTY CAN
BE FOUND...

I,
HOWEVER,
DO NOT
SHARE
THIS
MEAGER
OPINION.

...IN
FLAWED
OR UN-
FINISHED
WORK.

I AM AN
ARTIST OF
PRINCIPAL!

*He let
the words
roll out.*

*Like the
perfect
beauty.*

WHAT CAN
WE DESIRE,
KAMACHAN-
SENSEI?

SO...

*The art instructor
Alma Kamachan
the investigator of
perfect beauty.*

There
is

I
WANT
YOU
EACH
...

...TO
DISCOVER
WHAT
"BEAUTY"
IS TO
YOU

BEAUTY...

BEAUTY...

"BEAUTY"
SHE MEANS
PRETTY
THINGS
RIGHT?

BEAUTY
IS?





I'VE
DECIDED
NOT TO
PURSUE
FURT.

AAAA...YOU
DON'T HAVE
THE QLTSP?

SLAM

THAT'S
NOT IT?

AAAA
AND I AM
MASTER AND
SERVANT..

NOTHING
MORE AND
NOTHING
LESS.

THE END OF THE WORLD
IS HERE



IN ORDER
TO MAKE ME
A PROPER
GUARDIAN
FOR ARIANE

...ALL
THOSE
FEELINGS
WERE
BOARD.





YEAH? THEN
HOW COME
YOU'RE SO
EAGER TO
SEE THAT I
DON'T GET
HELD BACK?

I'M
BEING
SERIOUS
HERE!

BWA
HA
HA
HA
HA



HUH?

IT'S NOT
FOR MY
SAKE WHEN
YOU GET
BRIGHT
DOWN TO
IT, IS IT?

YEAH,
BUT IS
FAIR...



HI KLATIA
~ ~ ~

TH...

THAT'S...





THAT THE
ELDERMAN
GRANTED MY
REQUEST.



Before the
Elderman
he dies.

THAT CRISP
GET-
TING ALL TOUCHY-
TOUCHY...



OR AT
LEAST
THEY
SHOULD
BE.

THAT ANY
FEELINGS
NOT AWARE
BEHIND
THOSE OF
A SERVANT
FORWARD.
HE ALREADY
ARE DONE.



I HAVEN'T
FIND YOU
SINCE WE
CAME BACK
FROM THE
ISLAND.

ISN'T
YOUR
BELLY
GETTING
EMPTY?

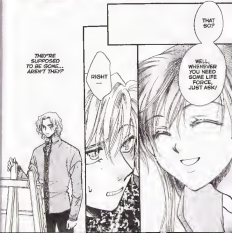
WAAH!!!

POP

HYOUE!



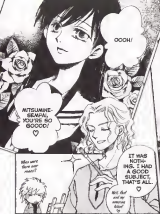
GUESS
ME



100

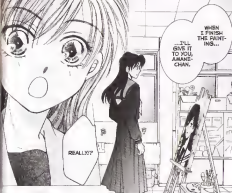


WELL,
WHENEVER
YOU NEED
SOME LIFE
FORCE,
JUST ASK!



SOME DAYS LATER







IT'S JUST
THEIR
WORK
THAT IS
DOOMED.

IT
DIDN'T
CAUSE ANY
HARM TO
BEFALL THE
STUDENTS
THEM-
SELVES.

BUT
IT'S NO
ORDINARY
CURSE.



ALL THAT
TROUBLE
HAUNTING
THIS CLASS-
ROOM JUST
TO MAKE
STUDENTS
GET HELD
BACK...

THAT'S
ARTFULLY
PETTY,
EVEN FOR
A GHOST.

THERE'S
NO NEED
TO MAKE A
FUSS OVER
SOME LAME-
O GHOST
LIKE THAT.

*That's
about*



LONG
AGO...

...DURING
A SUPPLE-
MENTARY ART
PROJECT LIKE
THE ONE WE
HAVE RIGHT
HERE...

...A
STUDENT
SUDDENLY
DROPPED
DEAD IN
THIS VERY
ROOM.

EVER SINCE
THEN, WHEN
SOMEONE'S
LEFT HERE
TO DO SUP-
PLEMENTARY
LESSONS...

...THEY SAY
THAT THAT
STUDENT'S
CURSE RE-
FALLS HIM.



PLEASE, YOU TWO, YOU SHOULDN'T SPEAK THAT WAY OF THE DEAD.



WAAAA

I COULD TAKE DOWN A FANTASTIC POLTERGEIST LIKE THAT WITH BOTH ASHES TWO BEHIND MY BACK!

OH, AREN'T YOU COMFORTED?

I'D LIKE TO SEE HIM TRY TO MESS WITH ME!

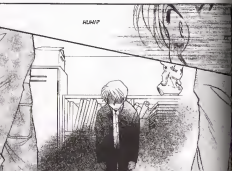


HAHA!



THAT'S RIGHT! YOU MIGHT MAKE HIM ANGRY...

SORRY



ALRIGHT



SORRY
FOR BEING SO
PETTY.



WHAAT
THE---IS HE
REALLY DID
SHOW UP!



BUT I'M AFRAID
I CAN'T BE THE
ONLY ONE WHO
WAS HELP BACK
A YEAR.

HE'S
NOT JUST
PETTY
-- HE'S
PITIFUL!

WELL, I WANT A PAUSE
FOR A PERSON
WHO WON'T GET MY
ONE PROJECT COMPLETED
EVEN WHEN I WANT A
MEMBER OF THE ART TEAM
FOR CERTAIN ART LOVE.



WHAAT, YES,
THE FURY OF
MY COMEDY!

I'M
TAKING YOU
OUT WITH
ME!



IF YOU THINK
YOU CAN
CONTINUE
FIGHTING...

...THEN
GO AHEAD
AND TRY



THIS ISN'T
JEALOUSY.

VEEEMMM

OH
...

I SEE
HOW IT
IS.

SEEING
YOU TRY TO
PUT THE
MOVES ON
AMANE
REALLY
PISSED ME
OFF!!

YOU
!!

AND
I WON'T
HESITATE TO
CRUSH AN
INSECT LIKE
YOU WHO
WOULD HURT
MY MASTER!

I
COMPLETELY
DISPISE
YOU!

九



PROBABLY
BECAUSE
IT'S YOUR
FACE THAT'S
RUNNING
AROUND
CAMPO.

WHY DO I
HAVE THIS
OVERWHELM-
ING FEELING
OF EMBAR-
ASSMENT?

I'M SORRY
THE PAINT-
ING CAME
OUT SO
WELL!



DAMMIT!

FOR A
WELL-KNOWN
CAMPO,
HE'S
AWFULLY
RIGID!

GRAB



YOU'RE
DEAD
NOW!!

ANNIE!!





AGAIN,
SORRY IT
CAME OUT
SO WELL.



*I say
they
don't
say
it
right?*

NOW
THAT'S
WHAT I
CALL A
RUN-UP!

The "Technical" reader

YOU'RE
RIGHT!



IF
WE KNOW
THE NAME
OF THE BOY
POSSESS-
ING THAT
CAMERA...

I COULD
CONTROL
HIM WITH
KOTO-
DANA.



ATTEND

DO YOU
KNOW THE
NAME OF
THE DEAD
STUDENT?





HUH/?

IT
JUST SAID
"TISHAKU
HASSUN" *

I GUESS
THE DIMEN-
SIONS ARE
30CM X
24CM.

IT'S NO
GOOD!



THAT'S
A LAST
NAME!!

ISSHAKU
HASSUN...

YOU
IDOT?

HUH?



WHEN
YOU WRITE
"ISSHAKU
HASSUN"

...
...YOU
READ
IT AS
"KAMA-
TSUKA?"

SO YOU
MEAN
KAMA-
TSUKA
IS—

KAMA-
TSUKA?

MY
WORD!

WHAT ARE
YOU UP TO
IN HERE?

WHAT OF
YOUR
PROJECT—



OW...

Back!

I SAY,
WHAT
JUST
HAPPENED?

GAH!
!?

SO YOU
FIGURED OUT
KAMACHAN-
SENSEI'S
REAL NAME
DID YOU?

ちよ—ん FREEZE



WERE YOU
EVER A
STUDENT
AT THIS
SCHOOL,
KAMA-
TACHI-
SENSEI?



HUH?



TAKE
THOSE
BATTLE-
MINTOY ART
LESSONS
YOU'RE
DID YOU?

YOU
DIDN'T
BY
CHANCE?



CALL





BUT...

...THEN I WAS HOSPITALIZED

...AND HAD TO FACE THE HUMILIATION OF BEING HELD BACK!



SO THAT'S ALL THIS IS ABOUT?

BUT THAT REPORT REMAINED ...

...AND ATTRACTED FELLOW SPIRITS.

The next day, they were already gathering.



THAT'S RIGHT.

SO, I HAD TO TAKE SUPPLEMENTARY LESSONS.

...I WAS ALWAYS TRYING TO REACH PERFECTION, SO I NEVER FINISHED MY WORK.

WHEN I WAS A STUDENT ...





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WHEN
YOU'RE DONE
WITH YOUR
PICTURE, WILL
YOU GIVE IT
TO ME TOO?

BUT YOU
DREW ME,
DIDN'T
YOU?

HUH?
THAT UGLY
THING? BUT
IT DOESN'T
EVEN LOOK
LIKE A
HUMAN BE-?

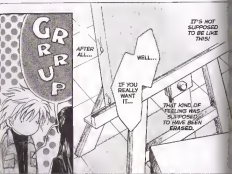
I WANT YOUR
DRAWING, TOO,
HYOUJI.



What was that just now?

WHAT WAS
THAT JUST
NOW?

WELL...
WHAT
THE...?



GR
UR
P

AFTER
Alpha

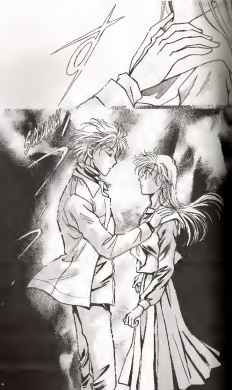
WELL...

IF YOU
REALLY
WANT
IT...

IT'S NOT
SUPPOSED
TO BE LIKE
THIS!

THAT KIND OF
FEELING HAS
SUPPOSED
TO HAVE BEEN
ERASED.











WE ALL
MADE IT
SAFELY TO
OUR SECOND
YEAR!



THERE,
IN THE
SPRING...

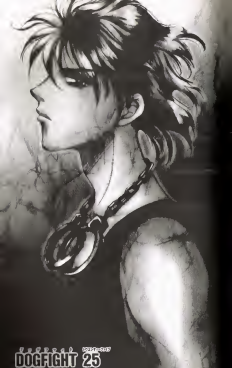
AND
WE'RE
ALL IN
THE SAME
CLASS
TOO!

2-C

TO
ANOTHER
YEAR
TOGETHER!

KLATTA
//
//
//
//





DOGFIGHT 25



INTRODUCING...?

AGE
INTRODUCING IS
ABSENT
AGAIN?

WE'LL HAVE
TO SEND
SOMEONE
TO CHECK
UP ON HIM.

AND HIS
BEST
FRIEND...

CRATTER

CHATTER

THAT'S THE
FIFTH TIME
SINCE THE
SCHOOL
YEAR'S
BEGIN.

I WON-
DER WHAT
COULD BE
WRONG?



WHO'RE
YOU CALLING
HIS "BEST
FRIEND"?

...JAPANESE
ENGLISH.







IS IT
JUST
ME...

...OR IS
THIS
PLACE
A BIT
STUFFY?



THIS
PLACE IS
SATURATED
WITH GHOSTS!



WOBBLE

OH, I
THOUGHT
IT'D BE
YOU...



I HAVEN'T
FELT THIS
GOOD IN
WEEKS!

AH!
IT'S SO
CLEAR!



YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
THANK
ME.

THANK
YOU
ANNA
CHAN!

YOU
ARE NO
SHINY
WHITE
KNIGHT!



IT ALL
BEGAN
WITH THIS
FILM I'M
STARRING
IN...

WHERE
DID THEY
COME FROM?

SO THIS
IS WHY
YOU'VE
BEEN
MISSING
SCHOOL?



...THEY
COULDN'T
TAKE
ANNA'S
ALIAS AND
SCORANED.

SINCE
THEY
WERE
JUST
SHINY
LITTLE
KNIGHTS



WELL, YOUR
BODY DOES
SEEM PRONE
TO SUPER-
NATURAL
POSSESSION,
AOL.

I SWEAR...
I FEEL LIKE I
COULD THROW
UP! MY BODY
FEELS SO
HEAVY AND MY
HEAD'S KILL-
ING ME.



IT'S
A LOVE
STORY WITH
A HORROR
TWIST.

FOR
AUTHENTICITY,
WE'RE FILMING
IT IN THIS OLD
ABANDONED
BUILDING
THAT'S SUP-
POSED TO BE
HAUNTED.



YOU
COULD
HAVE
COME TO
ME WHEN
IT FIRST
STARTED.

WHY
DID YOU
HIDE
THIS?



OH...
WELL,
YOU
SEE...

I DIDN'T
WANT TO
WORRY YOU
IF IT WAS
NOTHING.



IF
THERE IS
ANYTHING
I CAN DO,
I WANT TO
HELP.

...WILL
YOU TAKE
ME TO THE
OLD BUILD-
ING?

THEN...



YEAH,
BUT...

THEN YOU
COULD
BE POS-
SESSED ALL
OVER AGAIN.
DON'T YOU
SEE?



BUT
THEY'RE
STILL
FLYING
RIGHT?



...
ABSOLUTELY
NOT! I
WON'T DO
IT!



STOP
TALKING
STUPID!

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
ME, AKA.
I CAN--



ARE
YOU...

HOW MANY
TIMES DO
I HAVE TO
TELL YOU?

DON'T
STICK YOUR
NECK INTO
DANGER-
OUS BUS-
INESS!

THINK
ABOUT
MY JOB,
WOULD
YOU?





ARE YOU
REALLY THAT
HAPPY
ABOUT
THIS?

AND
ANYWAY, IF
THOSE SHON
BUSINESS
GUYS FOUND
OUT ABOUT
YOUR REAL
IDENTITY...

...YOU AND
THE FAMILY
WOULD BE
RUINED!



I WAS
BEING
THOUGHT-
LESS.

I.
I'M
SORRY.



YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
APOLO-
GIZE.

I
can
only
hope
for
a
good
end.



WHAT'D
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
DOING?!

WH-
WH-WHHA
...?

HOU-
KUN!

THAT
COLLAR!
...

!



OR FOR
WORK?

IS
THAT FOR
FASHION?



THAT'S
WORK,
ALL
RIGHT.

IT'S
WORK.

IT'S
FOR
FASHION
!!



YOU
HID IT
BECAUSE
YOU WERE
EMBARRASSED.

THAT'S
SO VERY
LIKE YOU,
KIDU-
KUN.

ICK



HUH...

A SYMBOL
OF YOUR
FACT, ENT?



AH!

I SEE!



I'M NOT WEAR-
ING THIS BECAUSE
I WANT TO!

SHUT
UP!

I CAN'T
TAKE IT OFF,
SO THERE'S
NOTHING
I CAN DO
ABOUT IT



YOU'RE
MORE LIKE
GOKU TO
ARANG'S
SILVA.

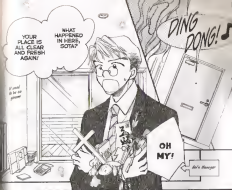
ARE YOU
SAYING
I'M LIKE
GOKU'S
MENDS
CLOUD
IF

SO WHEN
ARANG-CHAN
RECITES A
CHANT, IT
MAKES YOU
ZIP AROUND
TO HER COM-
MANDS?



ROOOAR!







AND EVEN ILL
WITHOUT A SHADOW
OF DOUBT, THAT
SOMEONE WITH SU
PERIOR SIGHT
POWER IS A GREAT
MERIT



TO
THINK
THAT SOTA
HAS A
SPECIAL
FRIEND...



THAT
REALLY
IS A
SHAD-
OW OF
SUPER-
NATURAL
SENSE.

WELL...

I'M
FEELING
VIBES FROM
YOU THAT
ARE ANY-
THING BUT
NORMAL.

THERE'S
NO USE
DENYING
IT.

...YOU
WOULD
USE AN
EXCUSE
LIKE EVIL
SPIRITS
TO GET
CLOSEN TO
AMANE-
CHAN.

USUALLY,
WT-
BLUNDER-
SEM-
I MEAN,
AOL...

LISTEN.

THIS
ISN'T
LIKE
YOU.

I KNEW
THIS WOULD
HAPPEN
AND THAT'S
WHY I KEPT
QUIET...



SHE'LL TAKE
RESPONSIB-
ILITY 'TIL THE
END, PUTTING
HER LIFE AND
HAPPINESS
ON THE LINE.

SHE DIDN'T
COME TO
TOKYO TO
BECOME AN
EXERCISIST, AND
I DON'T WANT
TO COME HER
BACK INTO
THAT STUFF.

I ADMIT
THAT IF IT
WERE ANY
OTHER
TIME, I'D
JUMP
ON THE
CHANCE.

BUT I
KNOW HOW
AMANE-
CHAN
CAN GET
ABOUT
THESE
THINGS.

...I CAN
APPROPRI-
ATE THAT.

I
UNDER-



HE'S A
MISTERY...

ARE THOSE
HIS TRUE
FEELINGS?
OR IS THIS
SOME KIND OF
STRATEGY?

THIS
"BOY WHO
CRIES WOLF"
IS ALWAYS
SCHERING UP
SOMETHING...

I JUST
CAN'T PUT
MY FINGER
ON IT...





WHY DO I
GET THE
FEELING...

...THAT
THIS IS
GOING TO
GET
MESSY?



BEFORE
IT WENT
COMPLETELY
BANKRUPT,
THERE WAS
A LOVER'S
SUICIDE
HERE.

THIS HOTEL,
LIKE MANY
OTHERS, FELL
INTO FINANCIAL
DIFFICULTIES
AFTER THE
ECONOMIC
CRASH OF 2008.

LET ME
TELL...



IT WAS
ON ALL
THE TALK
SHOWS
BACK
THEN.

IT SEEMS
HE WANTED
HIS WIFE TO
DIE SO THAT
HE COULD
START A NEW
LIFE WITH HIS
MISTRESS.

IN REALITY,
THE HUSBAND
ESCAPED HIS
PART IN THE
LOVER'S
SUICIDE.

A
COUPLE WHO
HAD BEEN
SUFFERING
HEAVY DEBTS,
COMMIT-
TED SUICIDE
TOGETHER,
OR SO IT
SEEMED.



STILL...

I CAN'T FEEL-
ING BAD
FOR THE GHOST.

TO THE
POINT WHERE OTHER
SPIRITS ARE
DELVIN TO
IT LIKE A
MAGNET.

ALL THE
NEGATIVE
ENERGY HAS
CLOSED
THE HOTEL
BOUND.

...



IN OTHER
WORDS, THE
ONLY ONE
WHO DIED
WAS THE
WIFE.



YOU MUST BE
CAREFUL, ACH.
IF YOU OPEN
YOUR HEART
TO A GHOST,
YOU MAKE
YOURSELF
VULNERABLE.



PITYING
A GHOST IS ONE
THING...

...BUT
TOO MUCH
SYMPATHY
IS DANGEROUS.

THEY SAY
HER GHOST
NEVER
LEARNED
ABOUT HER
HUSBAND'S
BETRAYAL.
...
...AND
TO THIS
DAY SHE
WANDERS
THROUGH
THE HOTEL
LOOKING
FOR HIM.



THEY
WENT
ATEMO
TOLD
ME.

WOULDN'T
THE
SECURITY

...HAVE BEEN
EXERCISED
PRIOR TO
PLANNING?

THEY SAID
THEY WERE
GOING TO
DO IT...



IF WE
JUST
KNOW THE
WOMAN'S
NAME...

ANY
BODY...

...IT
SHOULDN'T
BE SO
HARD.



THEN—

...THAT
THEY COULD
CAUSE
SIGNIFI-
CANT
DAMAGE
TO THIS
PLACE?

WERE
HER UN-
USUAL AP-
PEARANCE
STRIKING
...



DASH

DASH

D...
DIRECTOR?

IT'S AN
EMER-
GENCY!

JUST NOW
I SAW THE
SHADOW OF A
WOMAN BEHIND
THE FRAMES!

WHAT?

CHATTER



CAMERA
FAILED...

...LIGHTS
COLLAPSE-
ING...

...AND
A CHORUS
OF GHOSTLY
NOISES
POCKED UP
ON THE
FACE...



AT THIS
RATE, THE
MEDIA WILL
BE ALL
OVER THIS
PICTURE!

WE
DID IT!

THE
おあ



WHAT A
GREAT
WORK-
PLACE.

HOW
YOU SEE
HOW IT
IS?

A strange
thing was
about up
on the
stage...



AND WHAT
A GREAT
MANAGER
YOU HAVE.

...JUST
AS LONG
AS YOU PRO-
TECT KOHA IF
THINGS GET
NASTY.

THERE'S
NOTHING
WRONG WITH
A FEW REAL
GHOSTS
ENDING
UP ON THE
SCREEN...



STOP EN-
COURAGING
THIS KIND OF
WORK!!



BUT AT
LEAST NO
ONE GOT
HURT, SO I'D
CALL THIS
DAY A suc-
cess!



PLUS, I
CAN'T HELP
WORRYING...



...ABOUT
AMANE-
CHAN.



WHY DO
YOU HAVE
TO COME
ALONG
WITH US?



WHICH
RE-
MINDS
ME...



But look
at the car
with your
finger!



IF I STICK
CLOSE TO
AMANE-CHAN,
THE GHOSTS
WON'T COME
FOR ME,
RIGHT?



YOU
REALLY ARE
CLUELESS,
AREN'T
YOU?

ARE YOU
SO THICK-
HEADED YOU
REALLY CAN'T
SEE?



?



YOU FIGURE
THAT REALLY
ALL YOU CAN
THINK ABOUT?



AWAKE-
CHAW,
YOU'VE
LOOKED
TROUBLED
FOR A WHILE
NOW.



SAD?

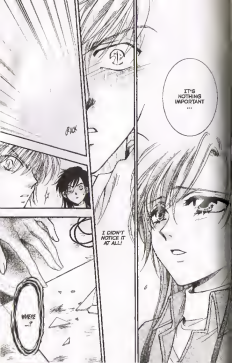
NO, NOT
REALLY...

TROU-
BLED?



IS
SOME-
THING
MAKING
YOU SAD?

HEN?



IT'S
NOTHING
IMPORTANT

I DIDN'T
NOTICE IT
AT ALL!

WHERE?





PLEASE LISTEN
TO ME.

I DON'T
WANT TO
HAVE TO
USE
VIO-
LENCE.

YOUR
HUSBAND
IS NOT
HERE.

YOU
SHOULD
LET YOUR
PASSIONS
REST AND
GO TO WHERE
SOLDS ARE
MEANT TO
GO.



YOU'RE
AFRAID OF
BEING
ABANDONED,
AREN'T YOU?

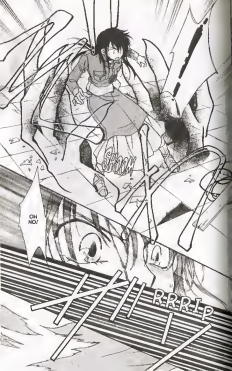
I
DON'T
WANT TO BE
ALONE...

BADUM

YOU
KNOW HOW
SCARY IT IS
TO BE ALONE.
DON'T YOU?

I'M
SCARED BY
MYSELF...





NO!

RRRIP



打
G
A
A
H

YOU
STUPID
BABY!

WHO—

WHAT
WERE YOU
DOING?!

YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO SAID
NOT TO
SYMPATHIZE
WITH HER!



IT'S ABOUT
BYOU-SHUN,
ISN'T IT?







THOUGHT
IF FEELS
DIFFERENT

HE'S
ALWAYS
BEEN BY
MY SIDE...

HE WAS
THE ONLY
ONE WHO
UNDERSTOOD
ME...

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
I'D DO IF HE
HATED ME.

YOU MAY
BE MY
ENEMY BUT
I PITY YOU
MORE--
ALUN.

NO,
NOT AT
ALL...

But
not
like
this

IT'S
JUST
--

HOW
DO I
PUT
IT...?

IT
FEELS
LIKE HE'S
GONE
VERY FAR
AWAY
FROM
ME.

THE
FUTURE
IS
NOT
YET
Determined

THE
FUTURE
IS
NOT
YET
Determined

...THAT
IF MY
OUTSIDER-
ABLE HEART
HAD EVER
SARAIEN...

...THAT
WOULD
MEAN
I WAS
WEAK.

I
USED TO
THINK...

SO
WHAT IS IT...
...THAT I'M
ATTRACTED
TO THIS KIND
OF UNCER-
TAINTY MOST
OF ALL?

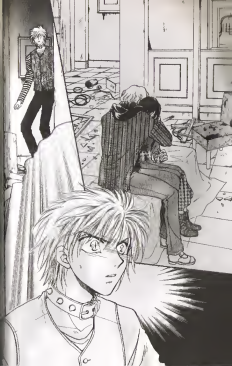
SO...

She's
a
mild
looking
girl
with
short
dark
hair.

WAS
EXACTLY
TAKEN PLACE
ON THAT
ISLAND
THEN...?

RECENT









BADUM
BOOM

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

BOOM IS
AHHHH
HOLDING
HOLDING
HOLDING
HOLDING

It's actually not a
mysterious
thing, but
there's a
mystery
in it, isn't it?





I CAN'T
PROTECT
YOU THE WAY
HYOU-KUN
DOES...

...BUT I CAN
PROMISE THAT
I WON'T LEAVE
YOU UNEASY
AND ANXIOUS
LIKE YOU WERE
JUST NOW.



ROMANTIC
...



HYOU-KUN?

YOU THINK
I'M GONNA
STAND BY
AND LET YOU
FILL AWANE'S
HEAD WITH
YOUR CRAP?



YOU
SON OF
A--



JUST
WHEN DID I
BECOME AN ANGE
LIMBARD??



W!
GFB



HYOU!!



AAH!
THERE
YOU ARE!

STOP
...



A HA
HA, MY
BAD,

COME
ON SOGA
WHAT'S
TAKING
YOU SO
LONG?



I'M
SORRY,
I FAILED
...

SO,
DID YOU
EXorcISE
THE
GHOST?

AAH!
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.



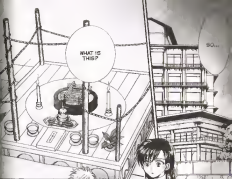
WE'LL
HAVE TO
GET OUR
REVENGE
TOMORROW,
RIGHT?

OH,
LOOK
AT THE
TIME!

I WAS
SUPPOSED TO
HAVE GOTTEN
THOSE FEEL-
INGS EARLIER
SO THAT
I COULD
BETTER
PROTECT
AMANEY

I'M
HURTING
AMANEY?

WE CAN
DO THIS
TOGETHER



WHAT IS
THIS?

SO...



I KNOW
THAT
MUCH.

IT'S A...
GON-
ADAN?

THE FILMING'S OVER



HUH...



THE
FILMING'S
BEEN SO
DELAYED...

...THEY'VE
BEEN
GETTING
THERADS
FROM THE
PRODUC-
ER.



WELL...

THEY
DECIDED
TO CALL
IN AN EX-
ORCIST.

I
VANQUISH
THEE!

EVIL
SPIRITS
!

CURSES
!

!?

A
A
A
H
!!

SNAP

WHO YOU
CALLING AN
ESPIONET?

YOUR
WRETCHED
SAV' SHALL
BE AN
ESPIONAC
IN THIS
PLACE NO
LONGER...

AND I
ANTHROPO
POSSESSES
THE
POWER OF
BUDONIA AND
WILL BRING
DOWN ON YOU
WITH THE
IRON
HANDS OF
JUSTICE!

THE
BACCHIST.

WHO'S
THEE?

HE DOES
A LOT OF
TV SPOTTS,
TOO.





I WILL
JUDGE AND
PUNISH ALL
THE EVIL
SPIRITS IN
THIS SOIL!

...BUT THE
ONE WHO
WILL DO
THIS PLACE
OF ITS
CURSE IS
ME, RITSU-
ZEN AWAY

I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
BRINGS
YOU
HERE...



THEN
I HAVE
JUST
ONE RE-
QUEST.



RATHER
THAN EX-
TERMINATE
THE GHOST
...



WHAT?
IS THERE
A DIFFER-
ENCE?

...I
WANT
YOU...

...TO
PUNISH
HER.



IT IS BAD ENOUGH
THAT THIS WOMAN WAS
KILLED BY HER HUSBAND...

THERE ARE
TWO WAYS
TO GET RID
OF GHOSTS.

EXTERNAL
HATING AND
FEELING.

BUT TO
BE KILLED
AGAIN IN
DEATH.

TO
GET RID
OF THEM
FROM
THEIR
OWN.

FEELING
A GHOST
INVOLVED
LEADS
ONE TO
COURT
AND
OUTSIDE

...IS TOO
DANGEROUS
TO BRAG.

...WHILE
EXTORTIONATION
INVOLVES...

THROWING
THE GHOST'S
TIE TO THIS
EXISTENCE.

...DON'T
HAVE THE
SOLLA. - BUT
DESTROYED
IT.

IN
OTHER
WORDS,
EXTORTION
WITH A
GHOST.

"YOU
MIGHT
CALL HER
AN EXIL
SPIRIT..."

...BUT
SHE WAS
A FACTOR
FROM THE
DOVE.



HOW RIDICULOUSLY
SHARPING
COMPARISON
FOR AN ONE-
SHOT!

DO NOT TRY
TO INTERJECT
YOUR REACTIN
BELIEVE. THIS
IS NO PLACE
FOR NOVICES!



HEH
...



YOUR
WORDS
ARE AN
AFFRONT
TO MY
CALLING.



YEAH...



HOW THAT
THEY'VE
HIRED A
PRO...

...WE
CAN'T GET
INVOLVED.



TCH!

HE'S A
JERK, BUT
THERE'S
NOTHING
WE CAN DO
ABOUT IT



WHAAT?
?

THEN WHAT
ABOUT THAT
JOB OF YOURS
TO PROTECT
ME?



I DON'T
KNOW... THAT
NINE-O-ONE
IS AWFULLY
SUSPICIOUS.

IF HIS
BROOD-
CISM'S A
SUC-
CESS...

...THEN
YOU'LL
BE SAFE.



I JUST
DON'T TRUST
AN EXORCIST
WHO DRIVES A
FERRARI AND
WEARS A ROLEX.

HE'S
RIGHT.



He's
not
even
close.

EVEN
THOUGH HE
TALKS THE
HOLY TALK,
HE'S LIVED A
SECULAR LIFE
EVER SINCE
HE BECAME
FAMOUS.

THERE ARE
ALL KINDS
OF RUMORS
IN THE
INDUSTRY
ABOUT HIS
WILD LIFE-
STYLE.

BUT
BOTTOM
LINE...

DON'T
MAKE
HER DO
ANYTHING
UNNECESSARY!

...AND
MEAN
WHILE
YOU'LL...

I'LL
BUY US
SOME
TIME BY
PRETENDING
TO BE POSSESSED

I
KNOW!

BUT HIS
EXERCISE
IS SET TO
BEGIN ANY
MOMENT
NOW.

EVEN
THOUGH
YOU SAID
I HURT
AHEAD...

...YOU'RE
THE ONE
TRYING
TO...

...MAKE
HER DO
SOMETHING
COMPLETELY
DANGEROUS

LISTEN
...

YOUR...



YOU
THINK IT'S
JUST ENOUGH
TO PROTECT
HER PHYSI-
CALLY?



BUT,
ONCE SHE
IS INVOLVED,
TO MAKE HER
QUIT WITHOUT
HER CONSENT
WOULD BE...

...GOING
AGAINST
ARASHI-
CHAN'S
WISHES,
DON'T YOU
SEE?

I
AGREE

...THAT SHE
SHOULDN'T
GET UNNEC-
ESSARILY
INVOLVED IN
DANGEROUS
SITUATIONS.



NOT
JUST
HER
BOOK...

...BUT
HER
HEART
TOO.



I
LIKE THE
AWANE-
CHAN
WHO HAS
STRONG
CONVIC-
TIONS...

...AND
KEEPS
LOOKING
FORWARD.

IT'S THAT
AWANE-CHAN
I WANT TO
PROTECT.



YOU MEAN
YOU HAVEN'T
NOTICED?

WHAT?!



ARE
YOU...
...SAY-
ING I'M
IGNORING
AWANE'S
WISHEST?



THIS!



WHEN I
SAID "IT'S
SO LIKE
YOU"...

...IT
WASN'T
BECAUSE
IT'S A
DOG
COLLAR.

BUT
BECAUSE
YOU WERE
OBLIVIOUS
TO ITS
VALUE.



DON'T
YOU
SEE....

...THAT BY
HOLDING THIS,
YOU'RE
WORKING
AROUND
CHART?



IF IT WERE
ME, I'D TAKE
IT AS AN
HONOR—

NOT
SOMETHING
TO BE
ASHAMED
OF!

IF IT WERE
ME, I'D TAKE
IT AS AN
HONOR—

NOT
SOMETHING
TO BE
ASHAMED
OF!

THIS
COLLAPSE
HAS
VALUE
P

THIS
COLLAPSE
HAS
VALUE
P

IT'S A
SYMBOL
OF YOUR
FACT
RIGHT?

IN OTHER
WORDS, IT'S A
SYMBOL OF YOUR
RELATIONSHIP
WITH ARAM-
CHAN

IT'S A
SYMBOL
OF YOUR
FACT
RIGHT?

IN OTHER
WORDS, IT'S A
SYMBOL OF YOUR
RELATIONSHIP
WITH ARAM-
CHAN



I SHOULDN'T
HAVE PUT
SUCH A PLAIN
COLLAR ON
YOU.

COME
AGAIN?



THAT'S
ENOUGH!

WHY
YOU
THAT'S—

BLACK



PLEASE.

YOU'RE NOT AT
FAULT
HERE?

AH-AH
...

I'M
SORRY...

IT'S
BECAUSE
...I'M
WEAK-
MINNED.

THERE'S
NOTHING I
CAN DO IF
HE HATES
ME.

ALONE

DON'T
BOTHER.

I'LL TRAIN
HARDER SO THAT
I CAN GIVE YOU
A MORE SUIT-
ABLE COLLAR!

LET THE CAT GO!

It's all
over for
you!

YOU
KID!

SO THE
WHOLE TIME
I THOUGHT
YOU HATED
ME FOR IT...

WORRYING
YOURSELF
OVER SOME
COLLAR...

IS
THAT
ALL IT
TAKES...

...TO
SHAKE
OUR
PACT?



I have taken the
my children. I'm
the best! It's not
the other child
who's best!

Just as
the other

IF
I GOT
ANGRY
OVER
SOME-
THING SO
SMALL...

...HOW
COULD
I POS-
SIBLY BE
A GOOD
SERVANT?

HYOU





I'M
GLAD.



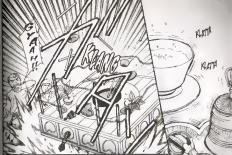
TH...

THAT'S



SOME-
HOW...

I HAD
THE FEELING
THAT YOUR
PERSON-
ALITY HAD
CHANGED,
YOUR.







WHERE IS IT...?

WHERE IS IT...

I... I DON'T KNOW!

I DIDN'T DO ANYTH—

YOU KNOW!

YOU MADE IT ANGERIER! WHAT DID YOU DO?

18
GATE
万...



LIKE
THIS—

ひそひそ



HEY!!

YOU'RE
GOING
TO LURE
HER
IT?

AND
JUST
HOW DO
YOU—

HEY,
ARANE-
CHAN.



THERE'S
A CAFETE-
RIA JUST
A LITTLE
FURTHER
AHEAD,
RIGHT?

YOU—

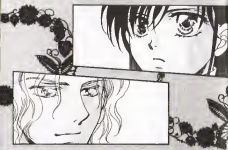
DON'T
BE AN
IDiot!

YOU CAN'T
TAKE THAT
KIND OF
RISK!

I'M
GOING
TO LURE
HER
OVER
THERE.

GO UP
THERE AND
WAIT FOR
ME, OKAY?







AND KNOWING
THAT I'M
HELPING THIS
STUPID DOG
TAKE ME TO
NO END.

WH-
WHAT'S
THE
DEAL?

HAIR
DOES



DOPE
DOPE

STOMP



IT'S
NOT LIKE
HIL.

GA!

GA!

GA!



TO
THINK...
I'M DOING
THIS JUST
TO GET A
SMILE OUT
OF THE
PERSON I
LIKE.







RY...



I FOUND IT...

...IN THE CORNER OF YOUR DEAD HUSBAND'S ROOM.



...HIS HUSBAND WHO SAILED ON THEIR LOVE SUICIDE PLANE?

ISN'T THE SPIRIT LOOKING FOR...

WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?



RY...

BRING IT BACK...



What's that?

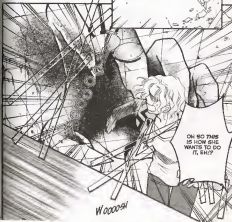


IF YOU WANT IT BACK...

...COME AND GET IT!



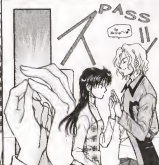
DID SHE
NOT TAKE
THE BAIT?



OH SO THIS
IS HOW SHE
WANTS TO DO
IT, SHIT?

WOOOSH







GIVE ME
BACK...

GIVE IT
BACK...

...RING!



IS IT
FINE...

...THAT
YOU
WANT,
MAMA
MIDUNOP



WINGOU



I HAVE
IT RIGHT
HERE.
YOUR
WEDDING
RING.



Now
Don.
Maga
Minato

...have
a good
luck.

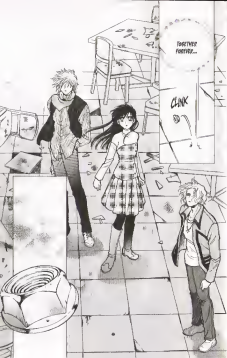


Don't...

Oh, thank
 goodness.

WITH MY
 REMOVAL OF
 THE TIME WHEN
 WE WERE HAPPY.

WITH THIS, NOW
 I CAN BE WITH
 HIM.





...I FOUND
IT COLD THAT
IF SHE WAS
SEARCHING FOR
HER HUSBAND,
HOW WOULD SHE
ONLY LOCATED
BY VERY SMALL
MOONS AND COIN-
CIDES...

IT WAS
JUST THAT
...

I NEVER
IMAGINED
...

...IT
WOULD
TURN OUT
SO WELL.



I KNEW
THAT IT
WASN'T A
PERSON
...

**SHOCKING
SCOP**

A REAL GHOST
APPEARS ON A
FILM SET!

...AND
ASKING,
"WHERE
IS IT?"

...BUT
RATHER AN
OBJECT
SHE WAS
LOOKING
FOR.



AND
SHE DID
I THINK
THAT
GHOST?

THAT'S
PRETTY
MUCH IT.

WHEN I SAW
THAT SHE
DIDN'T HAVE
A WEDDING
RING ON HER
LEFT HAND,
HANDS THAT
CONFIRMED
IT.

TO
CALL IT
A LAND-
MARK IN
MY ACTING
CAREER.

WHEN I
DECIDED
THAT IT
MUST BE
A TRIVIAL
OBJECT
SHE WAS
SO DES-
PERATELY
SEARCHING
FOR...

...I
KNOW IT
COULD
ONLY
BE ONE
THING.



LEE
ARE JUST
ANOTHER
EXAMPLE OF
THE POWER
OF WORDS.

LANDMARK
MY TAIL!

THE ONLY
REASON SHE
SAID IT AS
A RING WAS
BECAUSE
OF YOUR
KOTOHANA,
ANNE.



OH
WELL.



HE HAS A
GOOD EYE
FOR NUANCE,
I'LL GIVE
HIM THAT!

ALL THIS
TIME I'VE
WATCHED
HER SO
CLOSELY
BUT I
WASN'T
REALLY
SEEING.

FROM
NOW ON,
I'LL TRY
HARDER
TO SEE
THINGS
CLEARLY.



I THINK
THAT SHE
LOVED ALL
ALONG...

...THAT
SHE HAD
BEEN RE-
TRACTED.



SHE
WANTED THE
ONE THING
THAT SYMBOL-
IZED HER
CONNECTION
TO HERSELF
BEFORE SHE
WAS A
GHOST.

...SHE HELD
ONTO THE
OBJECT THAT
REMINDED
HER OF WHEN
HER LIFE WAS
HAPPY AND
BEAUTIFUL.

AFTER ALL,
RATHER
THAN THE
MAN HIM-
SELF...



TUG

MAN...

TODAY
SURE IS
HOT.



I DON'T
NEED
THIS ANY
MORE...

FLAP

THE
SYMBOL
OF HER
CONNECTION

...



